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Fra Presidenten



I hope everyone have a great time at the banquet at Cedar Creek.

Friday, May 15, some members of the lodge went to view the trolls and had a brunch at the Radisson.

Saturday, May 16 my daughter and her husband went to Norskedalen and then to Westby to look around. Hope everyone got to go to Westby for May 17 weekend. - Dave

Please Note!

- Wergeland Scholarship deadline is July 1. See the May Budstikken for the application.
- We are taking July off!! There will not be a meeting nor a Budstikken in July.
- The August 6 meeting will be our hotdog picnic/potluck (indoors at Harry J. Olson). Bring a salad or dessert to the Aug meeting.

Seeking Volunteers for Sangerfest

Joe Grodahl, director of Giants of the Earth Heritage Center, invites our lodge to help at Sangerfest, the Norwegian Mens' Chorus festival. The main volunteer need is at the concert on Saturday June 13, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Looking for people to be greeters and ushers. The more the merrier!



Wergeland Kalender

- ◆ June 4—6:00 Wergeland Lodge Meeting Harry J. Olson Senior Center, 1607 North St., La Crosse, WI
- ◆ June 9—Wergeland Board Meeting, 5:30 Perkins
- ◆ NO JULY MEETING — Happy 4th of July!
- ◆ July 20—Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ◆ July 30—Budstikken mailed to members
- ◆ Aug 6—6:00 Wergeland Lodge Meeting Harry J. Olson Senior Center, 1607 North St., La Crosse, WI



PROGRAM FOR JUNE

Driftless Area: Larry Scheckel

LUNCH PROVIDERS NEEDED! (The sign up sheet wasn't passed around at the May banquet.)

Sandwiches: Carla Burkhardt, 3 more needed _____, _____, _____

Cake or bars: We need 3 people to bring a 18-piece cake

Pickles: Dave Hendrickson (sweet) _____ (dill)

Fruit or vegetable tray: 2 needed

Please call Ramona 608-788-7507 if you will bring an item.

Members are asked to donate \$5



Birthdays June

02 Lillian Jacobson
 06 Vivian M Sacia
 08 Delora A Johnson
 09 Deborah M Amundson
 17 Linda S Sherwood
 18 Annie Piske
 21 Elizabeth Fox
 22 David Glomstad
 25 Beverly A Ranis
 27 Thomas J Monson
 30 Sharon K Smith
 30 John P Solberg

July

02 Luanne K Hjelle
 06 David Steven Ranis
 06 Miranda C Rodriguez
 09 Evonne Marie Kundert
 11 Bruce N Friell
 11 Sandra K Stavlo
 12 Ann L Sprain
 13 Karen L Scarseth
 18 Gregg Alan Attleson
 19 Cammy K Bauer
 21 Whitney K Herbert
 28 Shelley M Jerviss
 31 Diana Hobson

NO MEETING in July!

We will take a break in July—

- NO Wergeland meeting
- NO Board meeting
- NO Budstikken.

See you in August, which will be our hotdog picnic/potluck!

Program for August

Hannah Scholze: Early Norwegian Lutheran Churches in La Crosse County

Sekretær Notater...

Since a business meeting was not held in May, here are minutes from the May 12 Wergeland Board Meeting:

Dave brings meeting to order at 5:40.

Secretary's report was read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read and approved as read.

Report on banquet: Speaker was soft spoken; Channel 8 was supposed to be there but no show.

Convention: Should we do an ad for convention? 1/4 page would be \$35.00/would need design. No ad will be done.

Flyers: Carla will get colored from Office Depot! Will be an eye catcher.

Friday - May 15th - Meet at Friendship Gardens at 10 am. Breakfast at the Radisson after.

Future meetings: June 4th Regular meeting, June 9th board

June 12/13th SangerFest at La Crosse Center

June 22 - Dave Glomstad will do scholarship ride.

July - NO REGULAR MEETING, NO BOARD MEETING

August 6 regular meeting, 11th board, speaker - Hannah Scholze

Other notes: Not doing JDD parade but will do Holmen Kornfest.

Giants of the Earth camp - June 15-19th \$250.00 Lilly Jacobson will attend.

Fund raiser: Chicken Q, Heather will chair. Need to sell 300 pre-sale tickets for this to work. Sept. the best month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10

Secretary, Kathy Anderson

Treasurer's Report:

Apr 30, 2026 checking balance	\$3937.32
Apr 30, 2026 scholarship balance	\$1636.00
Apr 30, 2026 savings balance	\$6914.36
Apr 30, 2026 Wergeland has	\$12,487.68

Midsummer Fest, June 20, 2026

Norskedalen will host Midsommer Fest on the longest day of the year, again including a Strongman Competition. Watch www.norskedalen.org/events/midsummer-fest for detailed plans as they are made.

Also, the **Music In The Valley** summer concert series will resume on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30, beginning June 24, 2026.

Watch <https://www.norskedalen.org/events/> info on these and other fun activities at Norskedalen!

Program for June: The Driftless Area

Larry Scheckel from Tomah, WI, will join us and present information he has gleaned on our local geography.

The Driftless Area of southwestern Wisconsin and portions of Minnesota and Illinois comprise some of the most unique and beautiful land on Earth. The unglaciated 24,000 square miles are comprised of steep hills, deep ravines, forested ridges, deciduous trees, cold water trout streams, and river valleys.



Mining, wars fought, famous people, architectural courthouses, round barns, wineries, county fairs, bike trails, rustic roads, effigy mounds, meandering rivers, military bases,

Ocooch Mountains, Ice Age Trail, State Parks, State Historical sites, and the Amish are explored in this presentation.



See p. 5 to read about our trip to visit the beautiful Huldre (at right) and her friends at the Friendship Gardens!



From the May Banquet:

A fun evening at Cedar Creek on May 7 was an early celebration of Syttende Mai, Norwegian Constitution Day.

Diane Lambrecht and her husband traveled from New Ulm, MN, to attend the banquet. Diane spoke on Trolls and the part they play in Norwegian lives.

She grew up hearing stories of little people and the superstitions of them. She set the stage and asked us to imagine being in a primitive 1600's cabin in Norway. Then Diane entertained us with a few eerie, gruesome, or playful stories of trolls, gnomes, and nisser (plural of nisse). Even recently, a mysterious disruption to construction of a tourist destination in Iceland was attributed to "little people". "The world is changing, but trolls still hang on," she concluded.



Other banquet festivities included honoring of three membership anniversaries. Karen Broadhead (below, on the left) presented the following:

- Twenty-Five-Year member honored: David Christianson
- Golden member honored: Sally Olson (center)
- Fifty-Year Member honored: Jean Davis (right)



AND, the Wergeland Dancers added a festive touch as they performed a few dances and taught us the Norwegian Birthday Song, which we will attempt at our June Lodge meeting!



Dis og Dat



Jean Davis, along with her daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Mark Bondy, recently attended her granddaughter Tana Bondy's wedding in Boston. The wedding was held at an old estate built in the 1800's. The weather cooperated so the ceremony was held in the gardens. Jean's son Robert Davis, married Tana and Matt Smith.



Dave Glomstad is collecting pledges for his annual Bicycle Ride to benefit Wergeland Scholarships. He will not be at the June meeting, so can collect pledges at the August meeting. He will ride 62 miles this year on or around his June 22 birthday!



The **Wergeland Dancers** performed on May 12th for residents at the Onalaska Care Center. Go to Onalaska Care Center's Facebook page to see the above photos and more. More evidence that our lodge is active and involved in the community!

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2021

Wergeland Lodge marched in the West Salem June Dairy Days parade.

Long-time members included - Eugene Johnson and Sally Olson reached 25 years, Tim Monson and Lois Preeshl achieved Golden Member status (30 years and 65+ years of age), and Sandra Kawatski has been a member for 50 years.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2016

The program for June included the Luren Singers, along with a pie and ice cream social. The Luren Singers Society is the oldest Norwegian-American male chorus in the United States. They trace their beginnings to 1868, when four young Norwegian immigrants started a quartet to preserve memories of music from their native land. Their repertoire includes classical, spiritual, folk songs, hymn tunes,

contemporary genre, and Scandinavian favorites. In 1993 the group performed in the Royal Palace in Oslo for His Majesty, King Harald V.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2011

Dr. The Moose Lodge on Ward Avenue, held a Norwegian night. The Norskedalen provided a history of why Norwegians celebrate Syttende Mai and traditions that came to America with immigrants, which continue today. These traditions include: woodcarving, rosemaling, stitchery, and food.

The Midsummer Festival is the second most important yearly celebration in Norway, after Syttende Mai, it is the day that marks the full return of the light. Norskedalen celebrated with a pancake breakfast, baking demonstrations, food, heritage crafters, activities for kids, animals, and music.

Til minner om...

...**Ardelle Ender**, who passed away April 29, 2026, and services were held May 11 at Our Savior's Lutheran in La Crosse, WI. Ardelle was 91 years old and enjoyed a career of teaching Home Economics as well as gardening, genealogy, and quilting in retirement.



...**Wayne Jacobson**, who passed away May 2, 2026, at the age of 81. Services were held at English Lutheran Church. Wayne's career started in teaching and ended as an advisor at UW-La Crosse. He was active in his fraternity and the Lion's Club.



Sons of Norway District 5 Convention

Based on membership numbers, we can send up to 4 voting delegates. Karen Saegrove, Evonne Kundert, David Hendrickson, and Karen Broadhead will represent our Lodge in official matters.

That said, anyone can attend the District 5 Convention in addition to our official delegates. There are informational workshops, speakers, and displays with something for everyone. Non-delegate registration fees start at \$20. The itinerary and registration forms can be found at <https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/>

Visit to our Trolls in the Friendship Gardens

On a beautiful morning a couple of days before Syttende Mai, a group of Wergeland Lodge members met in the Riverside International Friendship Gardens. We viewed the trolls that were commissioned by the Monsons, the Andersons, our Lodge, and other groups/individuals – there are quite a few! Some Troll facts were shared. Look closely at the image below – can you see the face? The stones that form the waterfall also depict “Huldefossen,” paying tribute to a waterfall in our sister city of Forde, Norway. A placard nearby explains the myth of the beautiful woman who would lure men into the cave behind the waterfall.



Following our stroll through the Gardens, we enjoyed brunch at the Three Rivers River View Restaurant in the Radisson.



Experience Norway in June

Summer months in Norway with their longer days and extended sunshine are meant to be lived to their fullest. Here are some ways to kick off summer in Norway.

Fjord fun

The verdant mountains surrounding the fjords are in full bloom- it's time to get out and explore. Hike the hills, launch a boat, or jump in for a brisk swim!

Sørlandet

Plan a getaway to southern coastal towns like Mandal and Spangereid. Quaint small towns and coastal life are a popular summer destination among Norwegians.

Beach life

Norway has an epic coastline with both sand and rock beaches. Hit the waterfront with a paddleboard, picnic or kayak. Or just go for a swim! Hit the highway

Roadtrip, anyone?

Choose one of Norway's 18 national tourist routes and explore some of the most beautiful views of the Norwegian countryside.

Happiness on two wheels

Norway is teeming with interesting cycling routes- plan a trek on the Rallarvegen in Hardanger, a 92 kilometer cycling route that winds between Haugastøl and Flåm.

Arctic train ride

Take the Nordlandsbanen from Trondheim to Bodø. The stretch is not only beautiful, but an architectural feat: en route to your Arctic Circle destination, you'll pass 293 bridges and 154 tunnels!

Telemark canal

Take a historic boat ride through the Telemark Canal, a waterway named "the eighth wonder of the world" when it was built in 1892. The canal stretches 105 kilometers from Dalen at the foot of the Hardanger Plateau, to Skien, passing through 18 lock chambers.

Day trip on the Oslofjord

Learn about the dramatic sinking of the German war ship Blücher and meander through the tunnel tour. Oscarsborg Fortress is a jaunt away from Oslo by boat or car.



Lemon-Flecked Norwegian Sunshine Cake (Solskinnskake)

For the cake:

6 eggs, separated
1 tsp. cream of tartar
1/8 tsp. salt
1 + 1/4 cup sugar
Grated zest of 1 lemon
2 tsp. lemon juice
1 cup cake flour, sifted



For the icing:

1 1/4 cups powdered sugar, sifted
2 Tbsp. whipping cream
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
Grated lemon zest for garnish, optional

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a 9-inch springform pan. Beat the egg whites in a large bowl for a minute or so until frothy. Add the cream of tartar and salt and continue to beat until stiff. Add the sugar, then beat until stiff again.

In a small bowl, beat the egg yolks. Add the whites, lemon zest, and lemon juice and carefully fold in. Fold in the flour just until incorporated, then pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Set on a wire rack to cool, then run a knife along the perimeter and remove from the pan.

While the cake cools, make the icing. In a medium bowl, whisk the powdered sugar with the cream and lemon juice until smooth. Spread the icing on the cake and serve. Garnish with a little more lemon zest, for color, if you'd like.

Serves 8

Recipe source and cake photo: DaytonaDanielson.com

A pirate walks into a bar wearing a paper towel on his head.

The bartender says, "What's with the paper towel?"

The pirate replies, "Arrrr...there's a Bounty on me head."

A little in English...

Norwegian still main language in business

Although English is widespread in companies in Norway, Norwegian is still the most widely used language. This was revealed by a new survey conducted by the Language Council.

Increased use of English, but not at the expense of Norwegian

The use of English is increasing, but to a small extent at the expense of Norwegian. Rather, Norwegian and English are used in parallel in many companies. This shows that Norwegian is still the common language in Norwegian business.

“The use of English is not a problem in itself. It is only when English takes over as the working language that the Norwegian language is in danger of losing its foothold in Norwegian business. We are completely dependent on companies using Norwegian in order to develop and maintain a good Norwegian professional language in various industries and in various fields,” says Director of the Språkrådet [Language Council] Åse Wetås.

Almost all companies (99 percent) state that they use Norwegian. This also applies to companies where the use of English is common.

English is most widely used in companies with international connections

79 percent of companies state that employees use English in writing or orally in their daily work. In 2015, 67 percent stated this.

The survey shows that the use of English is particularly widespread in companies with foreign owners or international customers and suppliers and in companies that have employees from countries other than Norway. English is most often used in external communication, in written and oral contact with customers and suppliers.

Few companies offer language training

The vast majority of companies (81 percent) believe that good language is an important part of the company's work. A clear majority (68 percent) also state that they require language skills in job postings.

At the same time, relatively few companies (21 percent) offer language training for their employees. In the report, Norwegian language learning and Norwegian skills among different immigrant groups, the Language Council points out that lack of Norwegian skills can be an obstacle to access to employment and community life.

“One of the things we suggest in the report is that businesses must make greater provision for immigrants to learn Norwegian at work,” says Wetås

Litt på Norsk...

Et Norsk er fremdeles hovedspråk i næringslivet

Selv om engelsk er utbredt i bedrifter i Norge, er det fremdeles norsk som brukes mest. Det viser en ny undersøkelse Språkrådet har gjennomført.

Økt bruk av engelsk, men ikke på bekostning av norsk

Bruken av engelsk øker, men det skjer i liten grad på bekostning av norsk. Snarere er det slik at norsk og engelsk brukes parallelt i mange virksomheter. Det viser at norsk fremdeles er fellesspråket i norsk næringsliv.

– Bruken av engelsk er ikke et problem i seg selv. Det er først når engelsk tar over som arbeidsspråk, at norsk språk står i fare for å miste fotfestet i norsk næringsliv. Vi er helt avhengige av at bedriftene bruker norsk for å få utviklet og opprettholdt et godt norsk fagspråk i ulike bransjer og på ulike fagområder, sier direktør i Språkrådet Åse Wetås.

Så godt som alle bedriftene (99 prosent) oppgir at de bruker norsk. Det gjelder også virksomheter der bruk av engelsk er vanlig.

Engelsk brukes mest i bedrifter med internasjonal tilknytning

79 prosent av bedriftene oppgir at ansatte bruker engelsk skriftlig eller muntlig i arbeidshverdagen. I 2015 var det 67 prosent som oppga dette.

Undersøkelsen viser at bruk av engelsk er særlig utbredt i bedrifter med utenlandske eiere eller internasjonale kunder og leverandører og i virksomheter som har ansatte fra andre land enn Norge. Engelsk brukes oftest i ekstern kommunikasjon, i skriftlig og muntlig kontakt med kunder og leverandører.

Få bedrifter tilbyr språkopplæring

De aller fleste bedriftene (81 prosent) mener at godt språk er en viktig del av virksomhetens arbeid. Et klart flertall (68 prosent) oppgir dessuten at de stiller krav om språkkunnskaper i stillingsutlysninger.

Samtidig er det relativt få bedrifter (21 prosent) som tilbyr språkopplæring til de ansatte. I utredningen Norskopplæring og norskferdigheter blant ulike innvandrergupper peker Språkrådet på at manglende norskferdigheter kan være en hindring for tilgang til arbeids- og samfunnsliv.

– En av tingene vi foreslår i utredningen, er at virksomheter i større grad må legge til rette for at innvandrere kan lære norsk på jobb, sier Wetås.



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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From May - Oct:
Monday-Saturday from 9am--5pm
Sunday from 11am--4pm



*Admission rates for all programs with
Heritage classes is \$10.00 for adults (\$6 for
seniors/military), \$5.00 for children, \$25.00 for families,
and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."*

All visitors, including Norskedalen organization members,
should check in at the Throne Visitors' Center for your
admissions, wristband, maps and information.

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds
365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking
pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while
using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during
regular business hours and must check-in with office staff
to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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